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THE ADMIRAL'S CORNER

In the article that follows, the Coast Guard Reserve's newest enlistment program is described in detail. Termed the "RK" program, it permits a reservist to perform his initial active duty for training during two separate periods, thereby making it possible for students to enlist in the Reserve without interference to their education.

This program is designed for students to enlist NOW and perform their recruit training this summer before returning to school. An obvious prime source should be those completing

their junior or senior year of high school.

Obviously, time is very short. A nationwide recruiting program is being launched. Therefore, I am asking the help of every reservist. No amount of advertising can compete with one-to-one coverage of potential recruits. You -- the individual reservist -- can give accurate, detailed, and firsthand information about the Coast Guard Reserve to interested prospects.

Considering the short lead time before the end of the school year, and the only slightly lon-

ger time before these prospects would have to report to recruit training, I urge you to contact your friends, neighbors, and relatives who are prospective "RK's" and tell them about this new and interesting program.

The Coast Guard Reserve is the only service with this program available. We need and want these young people to properly balance our Selected Reserve as we move closer to an all-volunteer force.

J. S. Harnen

NEW--'RK'--DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS

When the President signed the Coast Guard Omnibus Bill in May, he granted the Coast Guard Reserve new artillery in its effort to maintain full strength under the all-volunteer concept.

Included in the Bill is authority allowing the Coast Guard Reserve to launch still another far-reaching recruiting measure, the Reserve "RK" program. This adds a unique dimension to the Coast Guard as it is the only service authorized to employ this recruiting aid.

Under the guidelines of this program, the Coast Guard Reserve will

actively recruit students--high school juniors and seniors as well as college students may find this program equally attractive. Initial active duty for training for these young men will be performed during two successive summer periods, before and after a school year, instead of in one hitch as is now required under other enlistment programs.

The new recruit will spend approximately ten weeks of the first summer period undergoing recruit training at Cape May, N.J. or Alameda, California. Following this training, he will be released from full-time training duty to continue his education, but as a member of the Coast Guard Reserve.

The "RK" will be assigned to a Coast Guard Reserve unit and will normally be required to attend approximately 18 drills (the prorated portion of Training Category B requiring at least 24 drills annually) during the remainder of his first year. However, if desired and authorized, he may elect to participate in the full 48 drill training program (Training Category A).

Upon reporting to the Reserve unit, the "RK" will be enrolled in and expected to complete either the Seaman or Fireman correspondence course within a reasonable period of

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time. Reserve unit training during this period will be directed primarily toward indoctrination in the mission areas of the Coast Guard and Reserve.

The following summer, the recruit will complete the second phase of initial active duty for training consisting of either on-the-job training or attendance at a Class "A" Petty Officer School. If on-the-job training is elected, it will last approximately 12 weeks and normally will include assignment to a Coast Guard Cutter. The minimum duration of Class "A" School Training for this program is 13 weeks (for BM-PS school). A longer period would be required for other schools depending upon the school selected.

Upon completion of second summer training, the "RK" will resume drill participation at his assigned Reserve unit in the full Training Category A Program (48 drills and 12-14 days active duty for training annually) for the remainder of his six year enlistment. In lieu of Training Category A, where authorized and as opportunities permit, assignment may be requested to a training category requiring fewer drills and an increased period of summer ACDUTRA.

It should be noted that at time of original enlistment, the "RK" will be offered the option of electing a guaranteed Class "A" School for which qualified and for which quotas are available. Furthermore, the recruit will be allowed to reaffirm, change or elect a school at any time up to eight weeks prior to reporting for second summer training, subject to the availability of quotas.

The "RK" program is designed to benefit the student/reservist as well as the Coast Guard. It provides the student with guaranteed part-time employment and an attractive income throughout the year. It also makes available to the Coast Guard a hitherto inaccessible source of recruit power which will help the Coast Guard Reserve maintain a suitable number of young, non-prior service members.

Applicants for the "RK" program must be bonafide full-time students. They will be required to certify that they intend to continue their education and that such full-time educational pursuits would effectively prohibit their participation in another initial active duty for training program.

Detailed information on this new program is being promulgated by Commandant Notice.



During an awards presentation ceremony at CG Station Verba Buena, California, VADM M. A. WHALEN, Commander Pacific Area and Twelfth Coast Guard District presented a number of awards for accomplishments in the Reserve program. Receiving the awards were (left to right):

VN3 Terry DOBBINS, USCG - Letter of Appreciation - for "around-the-clock" efforts to get training orders out on time, during a critical time period.

LCDR Alan YOUNG, USCGR - Letter of Commendation - for production of Reserve film "Assignment - Support"

CDR Willis CARNegie, USCGR - Letter of Appreciation - for public relations and recruiting in the Stockton, Cal. area

LCDR James KEATING, USCGR - Letter of Appreciation - for public relations and boating safety work in the Sacramento, Cal. area.

DCCS Robert GARI, USCGR - CG Achievement Medal - for completion of construction project support saving over \$25,000.

Also receiving a Letter of Commendation was PA1 Tom CLARK, USCGR (absent from the ceremony) for photographic coverage of Coast Guard events.

A proud Reserve Division Chief - CAPT Richard L. SPRAGUE, USCGR (center) looks on..... WELL DONE !!

Dependents Need ID For Commissary Use

Dependents of reservists performing ACDUTRA in excess of 72 hours are permitted to use commissary facilities when certain requirements of identification and entitlement are met. DoD Directive 1330.17, the "Armed Services Commissary Regulations," requires that the eligible dependent be identified "by a letter of authorization or endorsement on individual orders." An endorsement directly on a copy of the ACDUTRA orders appears to be the best way to handle this and it is recommended that a format approximately as shown below be used [this statement is worded to cover both commissary and exchange privileges].

Proposed Endorsement

I hereby designate my wife, (Mrs.)

MARY R. DOE, to act as my agent in making commissary and exchange purchases during this period of entitlement -- (show dates) .

(signature of eligible dependent)

(signature of Reservist-sponsor)

Authenticated by: (Signature & Grade of Reserve Unit CO or Duty Unit CO)

In addition, the dependent requires adequate identification to establish identity, eligibility (i.e. dependency in the case of older children, etc.) and relationship to the sponsoring reservist.

Reservists Respond to Navy Oil Spill



Reservists pitch-in during the messy clean-up job following the collision.

A collision at sea off the California coast provided Twelfth District reservists with a chance to prove that they are indeed "Always Ready."

In the early morning fog on 29 December the U.S. Navy ship, PRIVATE JOSEPH MERRELL, and the Liberian

freighter, PEARL VENTURE, collided off Cape San Martin, Cal. The collision ruptured the fuel tanks of the MERRELL, causing a 16,000 gallon oil spill.

That afternoon, a call for aid went out from Commander, Group Monterey to the men and women of Coast Guard Reserve Unit Monterey. Within hours of the call, volunteer reservists were on board, standing OOD duty and communications watches and manning boats.

As the badly damaged PRIVATE JOSEPH MERRELL was pushed southward by wind and sea, operations were transferred to San Luis Obispo, California. All except two of the reservists from Monterey were released from duty, as volunteers from CGRU Morro Bay took over the oil spill clean-up and support duties. By 12 January the mission had been completed and those reservists still on duty were sent home.

Reservists had performed their duties quickly and efficiently, drawing high praise from the active duty Coast Guardsmen they worked beside. Three women reservists, who were among the first to respond to the call, were also praised.

Performances like this by men and women reservists demonstrate both the "One Coast Guard" policy and the "can do" spirit of the Coast Guard.



CAPT Paul R. PEAK, Jr., USCG, Chief of Staff in the Eighth Coast Guard District swears his daughter Lucy into the Coast Guard Reserve as a Storekeeper Third Class. She is a graduate of Beloit College and is presently employed by the Community Action Program in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. Lucy is the fourth member of her family to serve with the Coast Guard. In addition to her father, her brother Roger is in the Coast Guard Reserve while a student at California State Polytechnic College and her cousin Edward Peak is an ensign in flight training.

CGR Water Safety Study

Problems of water safety and pollution control along the 750 mile stretch of the Ohio River between Pittsburgh, Pa. and Owensboro, Ky. may be solved faster as the result of a meeting held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Eighteen Coast Guard officers from five states were on hand for a conference called by Commander Bruce R. CONDON, USCGR of Columbus, Ohio, Reserve Group Commander for Coast Guard Reserve units in Columbus, Cincinnati, and Portsmouth, Ohio and Louisville, Kentucky. Lieutenant William J. LEDOUX, Commander, Group Ohio River at Owensboro and LCDR M.N. BROMEN, Commanding Officer of the Marine Inspection Office in Cincinnati represented the Regular Coast Guard. Commanding Officers of various Reserve training units from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky also attended.

The Coast Guard is spread rather thin along this 750 mile stretch of the Ohio River. At the conference, the officers decided to divide the river into geographical areas which could be assigned to nearby Coast Guard Reserve Units. These units will support the work of regular Coast Guardsmen with Reserve personnel augmenting required patrols and investigations in their assigned area.

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UNIMAK Seizes Foreign Trawler

In the early morning of 26 March 1974, the Reserve training vessel USCGC UNIMAK, while on gear-conflict patrol off the East Coast, observed the Romanian stern trawler INAU allegedly fishing within the contiguous fisheries zone of the United States.

UNIMAK spotted the 289-foot vessel 7.5 miles off the North Carolina coast, 28 miles to the southeast of Cape Henry, VA. A Coast Guard boarding party detained the vessel to investigate the apparent violation. The Commandant, after reviewing the evidence collected by UNIMAK, authorized seizure of the INAU. UNIMAK escorted the Romanian trawler to Baltimore, MD, to await action by the U.S. Attorney.

INAU and her 84 man crew were transferred to the Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay in Baltimore where the case has been taken under consideration by the U.S. Attorney.

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The conferees also looked into the special problems of spring flooding and the increased recreational traffic which accompanies the spring thaw. They look forward to additional meetings in the future to evaluate the results of this initial effort. The Cincinnati meeting is the first step in finding a solution to the day-to-day problems of water safety and pollution control on the crowded Ohio River.



Response Immediate In Wake of Tornadoes

Early in the evening of 3 April 1974, a series of tornadoes devastated the mid-western United States, killing over 300 persons, leaving thousands homeless and causing many millions dollars of property damage.

At Louisville, KY, one of the hardest hit areas, local Civil Defense officials contacted the Coast Guard for assistance. COTP Louisville recommended the voluntary use of reservists on a drill basis. A quick call went out and 30 reservists responded that night. They worked with Civil Defense officials until about 0200 the following morning. Following a quick rest period, 28 returned to duty at 0700 and worked until about 1530. The reservists, working under the direction of LCDR J.E. CHADDIC, USCGR, assisted or evacuated approximately 300-500 persons, and searched for

additional casualties and worked at clearing debris from blocked streets and highways.

In a related incident, one of the tornadoes knocked a number of high voltage power lines into the river near Louisville. The Louisville Vessel Traffic System - already augmented by reservists serving on Special Active Duty for Training due to high water on the Ohio River, restricted vessel traffic in the area of the downed lines until they could be located at daylight.

In addition, a tornado heavily damaged a small boat harbor, capsized a towboat and set several large barges adrift. Because of these potential problems, other reservists were alerted for possible duty, but their services were not required.



Mayor Jack Barnes of Portsmouth, VA, presents CAPT Marion GRIMES, USCGR, with a statement of Employer Support during National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week. CAPT GRIMES is a Fire Department Battalion Chief for the City of Portsmouth.

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